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INTRODUCTION

1. The report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its nineteenth session is presented to the General Conference in accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution. The summary records of the Board (IDB.19/SR.1-4), where details of the proceedings are contained, form an integral part of the present report.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2. The nineteenth session of the Board was held at UNIDO Headquarters, Vienna International Centre, from 18 to 19 May 1998 (4 plenary meetings—see IDB.19/SR.1-4).

Participation

3. The following 51 of the 53 members of the Board were represented at the session: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay.

4. The following 45 Member States of UNIDO also participated in the session: Angola, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ethiopia, Finland, Georgia, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

5. The Holy See and South Africa participated as observers.

6. The permanent observer of Palestine also participated.

7. The following United Nations bodies were represented: Economic Commission for Africa, International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO and United Nations Office at Vienna.

8. The following United Nations specialized agencies were represented: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Monetary Fund and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

9. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented: European Commission, International Institute of Refrigeration, International Organization for Migration, League of Arab States, Organization of African Unity, Organisation of the Islamic Conference and Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

10. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: Austrian Senior Experts Pool, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, International Co-operative Alliance, International Council of Women, International Professor's Association, International Organization of Employers, International Organization of Experts, Institut Supérieur de Gestion and Soroptomist International.

Opening of the session

11. The nineteenth session of the Industrial Development Board was declared open by the President of the eighteenth session, Mr. I. Posta (Hungary).

Officers of the session

12. In accordance with rule 23 of its rules of procedure, the Board elected by acclamation: Mr. F. Pittaluga Fonseca (Uruguay) as President; Mr. A. Nur (Sudan), Ms. M. Van Grünigen (Switzerland) and Mr. A. Nizam Al-Din (Syrian Arab Republic) as Vice-Presidents; and Mr. I. Kotov (Bulgaria) as Rapporteur.

Agenda of the session

13. The Board adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Annual report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1997.
5. UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1997, including operational activities for development.
6. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa.
7. Industrialization of the least developed countries.
8. Field representation.
9. International Centre for Science and High Technology.
10. Performance indicators.
11. Timely payment of assessed contributions.
12 Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
13. Personnel matters, including composition of the Secretariat.
14. Provisional agenda and date of the twentieth session.
15. Adoption of the report.
16. Closure of the session.

14. The Board adopted a proposal by the President to ensure the maximum utilization of available conference-servicing resources (see annex I, decision IDB.19/Dec.1).

15. The Board decided to set up informal, in-session consultations with the aim of facilitating the drafting of decisions and entrusted Mr. A. Nizam Al-Din, Vice-President (Syrian Arab Republic), to chair those consultations (see IDB.19/SR.2, para. 5). This task was later assumed by Vice-President A. Nur (Sudan) (IDB.19/SR.4, para. 1).

II. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION IN 1997; UNIDO TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN 1997, INCLUDING OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT; SECOND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DECADE FOR AFRICA; INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

16. The Board decided to discuss simultaneously agenda item 4 (Annual report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1997), item 5 (UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1997, including operational activities for development), item 6 (Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa), item 7 (Industrialization of the least developed countries) and item 10 (Performance indicators). The debate on the five items is reflected in summary records IDB.19/SR.1, paragraphs 31 to 86, IDB.19/SR.2, paragraphs 7 to 125 and IDB.19/SR.3, paragraphs 37 to 38.

17. A representative of the Secretariat made a detailed presentation on the product portfolio of integrated services prepared by UNIDO, which would be subject to further discussions with Member States after the session.

A. Annual Report of the Director-General for 1997

18. The Board had before it the Annual Report of UNIDO 1997, including the programme performance report (IDB.19/10-PBC.14/10, Add.1 and Add.2) and a report by the Director-General on the establishment of an international centre for hydrogen energy technologies (IDB.19/CRP.7). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.19/L.7) and adopted decision IDB.19/Dec.2 (see annex I).

B. UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1997, including operational activities for development

19. The Board had before it a note by the Director-General on operational activities for development (IDB.19/3). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat (IDB.19/SR.4, paras. 4-5).

C. Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

20. The Board had before it a report by the Director-General on the implementation of the programme of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDB.19/5). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.19/L.3) and adopted decision IDB.19/Dec.3 (see annex I).

D. Industrialization of the least developed countries

21. The Board had before it a progress report by the Director-General on the implementation of the least developed countries programme (IDB.19/8). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat (IDB.19/SR.4, paras. 4-5).

E. Performance indicators

22. The Board had before it a report by the Chairman (Mr. I. Posta, Hungary, President, Industrial Development Board) of the intersessional working group on the future role and functions of UNIDO (IDB.19/6) as well as a note by the Secretariat on performance indicators for UNIDO (IDB.19/CRP.2). At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat (IDB.19/SR.4, paras. 4-5).

III. FIELD REPRESENTATION

23. The Board had before it a progress report by the Director-General on field representation (IDB.19/11). The debate on the item is reflected in summary record IDB.19/SR.3, paragraphs 14 to 36 and 39 to 40. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.19/L.8) and adopted decision IDB.19/Dec.4 (see annex I).

IV. INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY

24. The Board had before it a progress report by the Director-General on the International Centre for Science and High Technology (IDB.19/7). The debate on the item is reflected in summary record IDB.19/SR.3, paragraphs 1 to 5. At the suggestion of the President, the Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat (IDB.19/SR.4, paras. 4-5).

V. TIMELY PAYMENT OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS

25. The Board had before it a report of the open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed

contributions (IDB.19/12 and Corr.1), Chairman, Mr. A. Benmoussa (Morocco), a report by the Director-General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.19/13); a proposal by the Director-General on the establishment of a contact group of Member States (IDB.19/14) as well as a note by the Secretariat on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.19/CRP.3). The debate on the item is reflected in summary record IDB.19/SR.3, paragraphs 47 to 53. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.19/L.5) and adopted decision IDB.19/Dec.5 (see annex I).

VI. MATTERS RELATED TO INTER-GOVERNMENTAL, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

26. The Board had before it a note by the Director-General on applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status (IDB.19/4 and Add.1). The debate on the item is reflected in summary record IDB.19/SR.3, paragraphs 42 to 46. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.19/L.2) and adopted decision IDB.19/Dec.6 (see annex I).

VII. PERSONNEL MATTERS, INCLUDING COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT

27. The Board had before it a report by the Director-General on personnel matters (IDB.19/9) as well as a list of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat as of 15 May 1998 (IDB.19/CRP.1). The debate on the item is reflected in summary records IDB.19/SR.2, paragraphs 126 to 138 and IDB.19/SR.3, paragraph 41. The Chairman of the UNIDO Staff Council made a statement (IDB.19/SR.3, paras. 6-13). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.19/L.4) and adopted decision IDB.19/Dec.7 (see annex I).

VIII. PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DATE OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION

28. The Board had before it a note by the Director-General on the provisional agenda and date of the twentieth session (IDB.19/CRP.5). The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.19/L.6) and adopted decision IDB.19/Dec.8 (see annex I).

IX. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

29. The Board considered the draft report (IDB.19/L.1) and adopted it as a whole with the understanding that the Rapporteur would be entrusted with the task of finalizing the report (see summary record IDB.19/SR.4 paras. 36-39).

X. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

30. On 19 May, at 5.40 p.m., the Board closed its nineteenth session.

Annex I

DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION

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IDB.19/Dec.1	Utilization of available conference-servicing resources (IDB.19/SR.1, paras. 25-27)	6
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IDB.19/Dec.3	Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDB.19/SR.4, paras. 17-18)	7
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IDB.19/Dec.1 UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE CONFERENCE-SERVICING RESOURCES

The Industrial Development Board, with the aim of utilizing the available conference-servicing resources to the maximum possible effect, decided to suspend with immediate effect rule 32 of its rules of procedure relating to the quorum, for the meetings of its nineteenth session only and provided no substantive decisions were taken at those meetings.

1st plenary meeting
18 May 1998

IDB.19/Dec.2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BUSINESS PLAN

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.7/Res.1;

(b) Recognized that substantial efforts had been undertaken since the seventh session of the General Conference, particularly in the areas of budget reduction and reorganizing the Secretariat;

(c) Expressed its appreciation to the Director-General for his tremendous effort in the reform process, particularly for his work so far in tackling the challenging task of streamlining and restructuring the administration, and reiterated its full support for his leadership;

(d) Reiterated the necessity to advance further the implementation of the reform process;

(e) Reaffirmed that the ultimate goal of the reform was the vital transformation of UNIDO's substantive activities through the improvement of the quality of each UNIDO project;

(f) Encouraged the Director-General, in his efforts to reform, to proceed to the next stage with a view to realizing the expectations of Member States as expressed in the Business Plan and improving the quality of UNIDO's substantive activities;

(g) Took note of the presentation of UNIDO integrated products as an important step towards the better formulation and focusing of its projects;

(h) Requests the Director-General to initiate collective dialogue between the Member States and the Secretariat on programmatic issues, including their planning, implementation and evaluation, to ensure their adherence to the Business Plan.

4th plenary meeting
19 May 1998

IDB.19/Dec.3 SECOND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DECADE FOR AFRICA

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.7/Res.5 and Board decision IDB.17/Dec.4;

(b) Recalled that the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO gives special emphasis to least developed countries, in particular in Africa;

(c) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.19/5;

(d) Requested the Director-General:

(i) To ensure the full implementation of General Conference resolution GC.7/Res.5 and Board decision IDB.17/Dec.4;

(ii) To present a comprehensive report in that regard to the Board at its twentieth session.

4th plenary meeting
19 May 1998

IDB.19/Dec. 4 FIELD REPRESENTATION

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled the Business Plan on the Future Role and Functions of UNIDO contained in the annex to decision IDB.17/Dec.2;

(b) Referred to the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group on issues related to field representation (PBC.13/CRP.5);

(c) Was aware that certain resources for UNIDO field representation were assigned in the programme and budgets for the 1998-1999 biennium, approved in General Conference decision GC.7/Dec.16;

(d) Recalled General Conference resolution GC.7/Res.11;

(e) Noted the progress report by the Director-General on field representation (IDB.19/11);

(f) Reiterated the importance of strengthening the field presence of UNIDO by the redeployment of resources and personnel from Headquarters to the field, of appropriate delegation of authority and of clear formulation of the basic responsibilities and functions of field representation for providing efficient cooperation with countries and regions;

(g) Took note of the decisions of the Director-General contained in IDB.19/CRP.8;

(h) Requested the Director-General to continue the consultations initiated with Member States with regard to strengthening field representation;

(i) Requested the Director-General to continue his efforts to contribute through UNIDO to the coordination of the United Nations system in the field.

4th plenary meeting
19 May 1998

IDB.19/Dec. 5 TIMELY PAYMENT OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled decision GC.7/Dec.10 in which the General Conference at its seventh session requested the intersessional open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions to present concrete recommendations in that regard to the Board at its nineteenth session;

(b) Recalled further resolution GC.7/Res.2 in which the General Conference requested the discussion group to make concrete recommendations to the Board on the various options contained in document IDB.18/18 on the collection of unpaid assessed contributions from the United States;

(c) Recalled also its decision IDB.18/Dec.11 in which the Board decided that the discussion group should continue its work under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. A. Benmoussa (Morocco);

(d) Reaffirmed the fundamental principle of collective financial responsibility of all Member States and their obligation to pay their assessed contributions on time and in full;

(e) Welcomed the constructive efforts made by the discussion group in addressing its mandate;

(f) Adopted the report of the open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions as contained in documents IDB.19/12 and Corr.1;

(g) Requested the Director-General, as agreed by the General Conference, to take forward the measures recommended in the report;

(h) Agreed that the discussion group, which had completed successfully its mandate, should be discontinued;

(i) Emphasized the fundamental principle of adherence to the legal and financial obligations of membership in the Organization, and in that regard, invited all Member States to settle their arrears and to pay their assessed contributions on time and in full;

(j) Noted that the United States Government recognized its legal obligations towards the Organization and, therefore, renewed its appeal for the settlement of all United States arrears and dues, in conformity with the Constitution of UNIDO;

(k) Invited the Director-General to report on a regular basis, starting with the twentieth session of the Board, on the progress achieved in the settlement of arrears and in the timely payment of assessed contributions.

4th plenary meeting
19 May 1998

IDB.19/Dec.6 APPLICATIONS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH UNIDO

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information provided in documents IDB.19/4 and Add.1;

(b) Decided, in accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, para. 17), to grant consultative status with UNIDO to the following seven non-governmental organizations:

- African Technology Development Link Inc. (Techlink)
- Association of Financial and Industrial Groups of Russia
- Deula-Nienburg (German Academy for Agriculture and Technology)
- International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE)
- International Centre on Small Hydro Power
- International Network of Subcontracting, Industrial Cooperation and Partnership Organizations (RIOST)
- World LPG Association (WLPGA)

4th plenary meeting
19 May 1998

IDB.19/Dec.7 PERSONNEL MATTERS

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in the report by the Director-General on personnel matters (IDB.19/9);

(b) Noted the amendments made, in pursuance of staff regulation 13.3, to schedules I and III of the staff

regulations to bring them into conformity with the decision of the General Assembly set out in its resolution 52/216, section I.C;

(c) Also noted the amendments to appendices A and C to the staff rules as reflected in paragraphs 20 and 21 of document IDB.19/9;

(d) Recalled General Conference decision GC.7/Dec.20 concerning election to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 1998-1999;

(e) Noted that the post of one member, Mr. S. O. Fatunla (Nigeria), had been left vacant;

(f) Decided, in accordance with paragraph (b) of General Conference decision GC.7/Dec.20, to elect Mr. A. S. Nur (Sudan) as member for that vacant post for the remainder of the biennium 1998-1999.

4th plenary meeting
19 May 1998

IDB.19/Dec.8 PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DATE OF THE TWENTIETH SESSION

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled decision IDB.18/Dec.18 scheduling its twentieth session for 19-20 November 1998;

(b) Decided to adopt the following provisional agenda for its twentieth session:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee [including sub-items as appropriate].
4. Programmatic review, including system-wide issues.
5. Field representation.
6. Performance indicators.
7. Provisional agenda and date of the twenty-first session.
8. Adoption of the report.
9. Closure of the session.

4th plenary meeting
19 May 1998

Annex II

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION

Symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title*
IDB.19/1	3	Provisional agenda
IDB.19/1/Add.1	3	Annotated provisional agenda
IDB.19/2	-	Lists of States included in Annex I to the Constitution of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.19/3	5	UNIDO technical cooperation activities in 1997, including operational activities for development. Operational activities for development. Note by the Director-General
IDB.19/4 and Add.1	12	Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status. Note by the Director-General
IDB.19/5	6	Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa. Implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa. Report by the Director-General
IDB.19/6	10	Performance indicators. Intersessional working group on the future role and functions of UNIDO. Report of the Chairman (Mr. I. Posta, Hungary, President, Industrial Development Board)
IDB.19/7	9	International Centre for Science and High Technology. Progress report by the Director-General
IDB.19/8	7	Industrialization of the least developed countries. Implementation of the least developed countries programme. Progress report by the Director-General
IDB.19/9	13	Personnel matters, including composition of the Secretariat. Report by the Director-General
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IDB.19/10/Add.1	4	Annual report of UNIDO 1997. Programme performance report. Operational statistics and other appendices
IDB.19/10/Add.2	4	Annual report of UNIDO 1997. Programme performance report. List of technical cooperation projects
IDB.19/11	8	Field representation. Progress report by the Director-General
IDB.19/12 and Corr.1	11	Timely payment of assessed contributions. Open-ended discussion group on timely payment of assessed contributions. Report by the Chairman, Mr. A. Benmoussa, Morocco
IDB.19/13	11	Timely payment of assessed contributions. Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General
IDB.19/14	11	Timely payment of assessed contributions. Establishment of a contact group of Member States. Proposal by the Director-General

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Symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title*
IDB.19/CRP.1 and Corr.1	13	Personnel matters, including composition of the Secretariat. List of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat as of 15 May 1998
IDB.19/CRP.2	10	Performance indicators. Performance indicators for UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.19/CRP.3	11	Timely payment of assessed contributions. Financial situation of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.19/CRP.4	3	List of documents
IDB.19/CRP.5	14	Provisional agenda and date of the twentieth session. Note by the Director-General
IDB.19/CRP.6	12	Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. UNCTAD/UNIDO memorandum of understanding. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.19/CRP.7	4	Annual report of the Director-General on the activities of the Organization in 1997. Hangzhou International Centre for Small Hydro Power. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.19/CRP.8	8	Field representation. Note by the Secretariat
IDB.19/CRP.9	-	List of participants